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SUBJECT: PEACEKEEPING WORKING GROUP - APRIL 18-22, MAY 2-6

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1. PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP IS NOW SCHEDULED TO RESUME WORK ON APRIL 18-22 AND AGAIN FROM MAY 2-6. CONFERENCE SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR TWO MEETINGS PER DAY. THE PROGRAM OF WORK FOR THESE SESSIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE FIRST WORKING GROUP MEETING AND PRESUMABLY THE GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG WG MEMBERS THAT PRACTICAL MEASURES BE DISCUSSED AT THE BEGINNING WILL OBTAIN. NONETHELESS THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE PROSPECT OF FURTHER MOVEMENT ON THE GUIDELINES AND WE CAN EXPECT THE NONALIGNED TO EXERT PRESSURE FROM THE OUTSET. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON ARTICLES 1-4 OF THE GUIDELINES WAS REACHED DURING THE LAST ROUND OF MEETINGS. USUN RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE REMAINING EIGHT ARTICLES ARE PRESENTED IN PARA 2.

2. ARTICLE 5 - ACCEPT AS DRAFTED IN LAST REPORT (A/31/337, NOVEMBER 23, 1976) INCLUDING THE BRACKETED PHRASE.

ARTICLE 6 - BEST OUTCOME WOULD BE A REDRAFTED
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OPTION (3) TO READ: "UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DIRECTS THE PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS AND ACTS AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF."
OPTION (1) WITH SUBPARAGRAPH (C) WOULD ALSO SEEM ACCEPTABLE BUT LESS DESIRABLE. OPTION (2) NOT ACCEPTABLE.

ARTICLE 7 - OPTION (2) IS ACCEPTABLE WITH THE

DELETION OF THE LAST THREE WORDS, "FOR THAT PURPOSE."
OPTION (3) IS CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE.

ARTICLE 8 - ONLY OPTION (2) WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE
SECOND BRACKETED PHRASE "WITH THE CONSENT," INASMUCH AS
THIS REPRESENTS CURRENT PRACTICE.

ARTICLE 9 - EITHER (1) OR (3) OPTIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE;
(1) IS DIRECTLY LIFTED FROM THE UNEF MANDATE; (3)
REPRESENTS A UK RESHUFFLE OF THE SAME ELEMENTS WITH THE
FINAL CLAUSE SOMEWHAT UNACCOUNTABLY ADDED WHICH WOULD
PROBABLY BE RESISTED BY THE NONALIGNED. OPTION (2)
IS UNACCEPTABLE.

ARTICLE 10 - OPTION (2) IS MOST DESIRABLE; OPTION
(1) WOULD PROBABLY BE HARMLESS SINCE ITS REPORTING
REQUIREMENT MIGHT FALL INTO OBLIVION. OPTION (3) WE WOULD
OPPOSE.

ARTICLE 11 - AS DRAFTED WITH THE DELETION OF THE
BRACKETED LANGUAGE. IT WOULD THEN CONSTITUTE THE SAME
LANGUAGE AS IN THE UNEF MANDATE.

ARTICLE 12 - ONLY OPTION (2) IS ACCEPTABLE.

ARTICLE 13 - AS DRAFTED.

3. SHOULD THE WG ACHIEVE AGREEMENT WITH USUAL CAVEATS
ON ALL 13 ARTICLES, NEXT TASK WOULD PROBABLY BE TO
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DEFINE HEADINGS UNDER ARTICLE 1, WHICH WOULD
NECESSARILY CONSUME CONSIDERABLE TIME. IF FRENCH
DELEGATION REFLOATS THE NOTION OF SEPARATING THE
ARTICLE 29 COMMITTEE GIVING IT EARLY AND INDEPENDENT
EXISTENCE, WE WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE AS WOULD UK, JAPAN,
CANADA, AND OTHERS.
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